

NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On March 28, 2011, an indictment was unsealed charging two Lincoln men with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana; distribution and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana, and seeking forfeiture of \$1596 in cash.

Name of Defendant: Ivan Brian Brooks

AKA:

Age: 29

City of residence: Lincoln

Name of Defendant: Adelfo Junior Soto

AKA:

Age: 25

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Count I: (Ivan Brooks and Adelfo Soto) Conspiracy to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine; a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine; a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, and a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

Count II: (Ivan Brooks) Distribution and possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1).

Count III: (Ivan Brooks) Distribution and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1).

Count IV: (Ivan Brooks) Distribution and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1).

Count V: (Ivan Brooks and Adelfo Soto) Possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine, a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, and a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1).

There is also an allegation that \$1596.00 in U.S. currency was used or intended to be used by Brooks and Soto to facilitate a drug crime or that the money represented proceeds of a drug crime alleged in Count I and/or Count V.

The possible penalty for each of Counts I and V is not less than five years nor more than 40 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$5,000,000, a term of supervised release following any prison term of not less than four years, a \$100 special assessment, and forfeiture of \$1596.00 to the United States of America. The possible penalty for each of Counts II-IV is up to 20 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than 3 years, and each count also carries a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Soto: Lincoln, Brooks: Columbus, NE

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: At least 5 grams of methamphetamine (actual) and unspecified amounts of methamphetamine mixture, cocaine, and marijuana.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: none

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Count I: Between on or about December 20, 2010, and on or about December 29, 2010; Count II: December 20, 2010; Count III: December 21, 2010; Count IV: December 28, 2010; Count V: December 29, 2010.

Federal Arrest Date: Soto: March 25, 2011; Brooks: March 28, 2011

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: March 23, 2011

Initial Appearance Date: Soto: March 29, 2011; Brooks: March 31, 2011

Plea or Trial and Date(s):

Sentencing Date:

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Trial set for June 6,2011

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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